

OUR MAN OF STYLE

How He Will Revel in Pyrotechnics on the Fourth.

FINE DISPLAYS IN NEW YORK

A Great Train to Sizzle Away at Irvington—A Very Pretty Display at Idlewild.

When the Vanderbilts went into mourning for the popular son of Cornelius, an order for \$5,000 worth of fireworks was canceled. It was intended to make a grand display at the Newport home of William K., but all this has been deferred, and that bright summer resort will have to look to other sources for its pyrotechnics.

But in this the Columbian year the man of fashion is going to make things new on the day and the night of the Fourth. I was given a glance at the order book of probably the largest fireworks manufacturer in the world, and



WHAT FRANK EHRET WILL DISPLAY.

I felt a strong inclination to go up in a balloon to witness the magnificent pyrotechnics which promise to illuminate New York suburban homes.

At Frank Ehret's place on the Hudson an especially fine display is promised. I was shown the rough sketch of one of the large pieces, a Gambrinus figure, which in size is six by twelve feet, with an effect of twenty by twenty. Gambrinus is depicted sitting on a barrel, from which pours a great rush of foam-colored light, while in his outstretched hand rests a glass of the amber-colored liquid, which is so life-like that Mr. Ehret's friends will probably want to blow off the foam when the thing gets to sizzling.

While at the manufacturer's I was given some interesting pointers on not alone the latest in the way of fireworks, but on how to arrange for fine pyrotechnic effects. The prettiest novelties for this season will undoubtedly be the Japanese day fireworks. Last year the effects were all Japanese. This year they will be American. The little top-shaped bombs are fired from mortars, or upright guns, and, exploding at a great altitude, will display life-size figures of the presidential candidates, flowers of all kinds and colors, and designs appropriate to this quadricentennial year. The bombs are made in sizes of nine, twelve and eighteen inches in



A DESIGN FOR THE ROCKEFELLER DISPLAY.

circumference. I was told that the secret of their manufacture has never been betrayed by the Japanese, and that the American designs to go into the bombs were sent to Japan and redrawn there. They will be exploded on every lawn from Tuxedo to the Thousand Islands, and from Bar Harbor to Coronado Beach, on the Pacific coast.

Then there is an order for Irvington which will cost either George Edwin or Jay Gould a great deal of money. I was shown two of these designs. One represents Mr. Gould's special train spouting out every line of its magnificent form even to the steam and the smoke from the engine. The size of the frame for the locomotive is 10 by 20.



WILL BE SEEN AT IRVINGTON.

for the tender 10 by 10, and for the passenger car 10 by 50, producing an effect of 40 by 100 feet. That this will delight George's bright children even to the latest goes without saying.

Gen. Horace Porter has invited a number of G. A. R. friends to his home, and the display will include a series of magnificent effects in military designs. One



WILL BE SEEN AT GEN. PORTER'S HOME.

In particular, representing the loyal legion emblem, will prove exceedingly interesting.

To arrange a fine display takes plenty of room; as extensive a lawn as possible. Place your aerial fireworks in boxes far to the rear and covered with oil-cloth or tarpaulin to prevent dampness or sparks from getting at them. Your rocket trenches should be erected well to the side of these covered boxes and fairly well to the rear of the lawn. Don't fail to erect them in a direction

away from the spectators. Your bomb-shells must be fired a good way from the crowd. Place the largest set piece in the center of the lawn and then distribute the other pieces in such a manner and at such distances from each other that they may not set fire to one another while burning. The smallest pieces always being placed nearest the spectators. Colored fire, mines, fountains, aerolites, batteries, sandboxes and geysers should be placed in line in front of the display each well away from the other. Balloons must be fired in that corner of the lawn where the breeze will be sure to carry them away from the enclosure at once. Your aerial bouquets can be placed behind the central set piece, and must be well bracketed. Begin your pyrotechnics with rockets, balloons, bombshells and illuminations, then fire off your set pieces, commencing with the smallest, continuing with the larger, varying each display with aerial effects, closing with the largest piece. The effect of this will be vastly enhanced by firing off a battery at either side. The aerial bouquet should be the last piece fired.

Now, one word more as to precautions. Always attach your lighting torch to a stick about six feet long. What will it cost you to make a display of this kind? Prices differ. You can spend fifty dollars and have a very neat exhibition. But for one hundred dollars you can lay in a goodly supply of smaller pieces and at least one large set effect.

One of the prettiest displays will be that of Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, at Idlewild. I don't think it will cost over five hundred dollars, and it will consist,



THE CONTINENTAL SOLDIER.

as I am told, of three set pieces, including "The Continental Minute Man," "The Washington Statue" and "A Goddess of Liberty." These are all magnificent in color effects, and will be shown to splendid advantage on the magnificent Cruger lawn.

When you start out to order your fireworks be sure to order everything that is pretty, and here are a few of the things you must not fail to get: Bombshells in all effects, aerial bouquets, the Gatling battery, Spyder, Turret, sister, sparkling waterfall, the shield of life, the Polka Redowa, Chinese brilliantia, tree of liberty, the sunburst, Peruvian Glory, Elfin waltz, the Aurora Borealis, the Casket of Jewels, the magic wheel, the Egyptian Pyramid, the double diamond, the revolving star, the puzzle wheel, the Italian rosette, the mosaic diamond, the peacock tail, jeweled sprays, Saxon pyramids, dazling diamonds, revolving pyramids, Chinese spider, revolving gun, kaleidoscope, plectra, gothic cross, basket of jewels, emerald jewels and Niagara falls.

All of these are comparatively small in the setting and magnificent in the effect. The Niagara falls design is not costly, and perhaps the prettiest of minor pyrotechnics.

The sunburst is on a frame, forty by sixty inches, and in effect is thirty by thirty-five feet. The "Tree of Liberty" produces a similar effect.

ALBERT EDWARD TYRRELL.

Would Not Listen to Family Secrets.
A family up-town had some theater tickets which, not being able to use, they turned over to a green servant girl, who said she had never been to a theater. After receiving directions the girl started out. About nine o'clock the family was surprised to see the girl back and called her in the room to see what the trouble was.

"Why, Mary, didn't you find the place?" was asked.

"Indeed, I did, and it was a fine place, and a gentleman showed me a seat near the front."

"And why didn't you stay? What did you do?"

"Well, I very when was a-looking at a fine picture up front and the place was full of fine ladies and gentlemen and after a bit they took the picture up and some people come out and began talking family matters, and so I thought I better come home."—N. Y. Tribune.

The Quality of Justice.

A correspondent of the Spectator tells a true story of an Irishman who was complaining the other day that he and other campaigners had lost a case in the courts. He ignored the fact that the evidence went against him and his friends. "When William gets in," of course there is only one William. "He will do away with the police and the law courts—'tis then we'll have justice!" This reminds one of the story of the Irishman who tried to console his husband with the remark that he would have a fair trial and an upright judge. "Yerra, woman," replied her spouse, "what'd I want wid an upright judge? What I want is a judge that'll lean a little."—London Globe.

Salt for Sick Headache.

If you suffer from sick headache, a teaspoonful of common salt will invariably relieve the sickening nausea which generally accompanies that awful pain in the head. The salt must be dissolved in water.

TESTED WITH A BATTERY.

How a Number of a Fishing Party Found the Snake Fishes.

Ex-District Attorney Sullivan, of San Francisco, told an Examiner reporter an amusing story the other day. "A few years ago," he said, "Dr. Livingston, one or two others and myself were camping in Lake County. We had a canned plum pudding, which was potted very highly, and a stable boy who was not bad in his way. Just as we reached Saratoga Springs the plum pudding disappeared, and we rather suspected the stable boy, but suspicion wouldn't tickle our noses or fill our stomachs. In our outfit was an electric battery, and I determined to try it as a thief-catcher and mechanical detective. I hooked all the coals, scullions and waiters about the place, and stood them in a row with the stable boy. Then I made a little speech, tell-

ing them of the theft of the plum pudding and asking the guilty one to confess. No one peeped, and the most innocent-looking person in the company was the suspected stable boy. "Very well," I said, sternly, "we have here an instrument which detects thieves as surely as a camera takes photographs. The innocent it will in no way affect, but it will cause the guilty to suffer excruciating pains—in limbs and conscience. Doctor, apply the test." With this Livingston stepped out with the battery. Placing the handles of the apparatus in the hands of the first man in the row, the doctor looked him in the eye a moment, but didn't turn on the current. Of course the man was not affected, and was declared innocent. So the doctor passed from man to man until he came to the stable boy. As soon as he had gripped the handles Livingston pulled the machine wide open. That night we feasted on our recovered plum pudding."

WOMAN'S GREATEST CHARMS.

Man Likes Her Best When He Doesn't Know Why.

The exquisite thing about woman's charm, the thing that makes it so deliciously irresistible, is its very undefinability. It has a fascination somewhat akin to that of the mysterious and the unknowable. Man experiences the perfect, exquisite happiness of the irresistibility of woman's charm only when he doesn't know why and doesn't want to know. He who would inquire into what the charm consists would be like the preposterously prosaic individual who would analyze the delicate fairness of the lily or the rich beauty of the rose, or who would decompose the brilliant flash of the diamond or assay the pure gold.

The supreme happiness of life, always connected with woman's influence and woman's association, is a thing for which man cannot account. He can tell why he enjoys material things—diamonds, a good dinner or a bottle of old wine. He knows why he delights in the fair beauty of the landscape and the rugged grandeur of mountain and canyon, and why he is impressed with the broad, billowy ocean. He understands his enjoyment of literature and music, of the opera and the drama. He comprehends the steady attractions and gratification of a congenial pursuit. But the Colorado Sun says he knows not what makes the exquisite happiness of his life. He who can analyze the showers of earthly good, but not the dew of Eden; he who can give no reason for his choice of a wife except that he could not help it, makes the happy marriage.

REMARKABLE LIKENESSES.

Anecdotes Showing a Wonderful Similarity in Faces.

Prof. Galton, illustrating the strong likenesses which often exist between members of the same family, reports the following facts: One boy sometimes spoke to himself in a looking-glass, thinking that he was talking to his brother. A little girl, whose mother and aunt were twins, often called her aunt "mother" and her mother "auntie," so much alike were those ladies.

"On one occasion, when I returned from foreign service," says a British officer, "my father turned to me and said: 'I thought you were in London; thinking I was my brother; yet he had not seen me for nearly forty years.'"

But the following anecdote is still more interesting, says the Youth's Companion. It was sent to Prof. Galton by a young Englishman, who says: "I was coming home from India on leave of absence. The ship did not arrive for some days after it was due. My twin brother, Ben, had come up to receive me, and our aged mother was very nervous."

"One morning, after she had undergone several disappointments because of the ship's delay, I rushed into her room, saying: 'O, mother, how are you?' Her answer was: 'No, Benjamin, it's a bad joke; you know how anxious I am for Alfred.' It was some time before I could convince my mother that I was her son Alfred, who had been away so long, and not my twin brother, Ben, playing a joke on her."

In the Earthly Paradise.

Probably no other part of the world, excepting perhaps the Yellowstone park, contains so many natural curiosities as Modoc county, Cal. The first, from a historical point of view, is the famous lava beds—scene of the Modoc war—a body of water, so full of caves that lakes and rivers are swallowed up, leaving nothing but a faint murmur to show their course through the bowels of the earth. In many of the caverns an army of men could hide, and in some places the intense heat of the rocks is evidence that internal fires are raging. In all parts of the county can be found mammoth hot springs, belching forth water strongly impregnated with minerals, and often close by will be caves of the purest ice. Medicine lake is a wonder that draws many visitors annually—a body of water that does not contain a living thing, and at certain hours of the day is full of a gelatinous, sponge-like substance, that sinks and leaves the water clear. At the lake are two mountains, one of pure obsidian, the other of pumice stone, in layers.

SEA CANARIES.

Queer Shellfish That Have Been Provided with a Temporary Name.

A peculiar kind of shellfish, the like of which has never been seen on the coast, was fished out of two hundred feet of water near Five-Mile point the other morning by a rock cod fisherman, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The man felt a tug at his line and began pulling in. Judging from the weight he concluded that he must have caught the grandfather of all the rock cod in the sound. When he had taken in all his line he was astonished to find that he had not only landed a splendid five-and-a-half-pound cod, but also a rock full of perforations, to which were attached six lively shellfish, each as big as one's fist, and somewhat resembling gigantic mussels. The shells of the fish were imbedded in the rock, and as soon as the rock was taken out of the water the fish craned their long necks out of the shells, just as a turtle would.

The necks of the fish were unlike anything the fisherman had ever seen; they resembled slightly the yellow mouth of the lamprey eel. Their mouths were pointed and surmounted by a hard, brown colored beak, which they opened and shut precisely as a robin does.

The fish and their abode were held together by means of the stout roots of a sea weed which had grown around

them, and the whole weighed eight and a half pounds. The fisherman took the curiosity to the Denver market, and there it was placed on exhibition and attracted considerable attention. In the absence of a more scientific name, one of the men connected with the market named the shellfish "sea canaries."

Japanese Oaths.

A Japanese journal, describing the manner of swearing witnesses in native courts, says that the Japanese hold a man's seal much more sacred than his word. Hence his oath is written out and read to him in open court, after which he affixes his seal to it. Likewise his testimony, after it is in, is reduced to writing by the clerk, read to the witness, who makes any corrections in it that he sees fit, after which he is requested to put his seal to it before he leaves the court. This method of taking evidence consumes some time, but it leaves no room for stenographer's errors.

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